

Pen and Palette

Boca Raton NLAPW

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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



In the Loop: Your Board at Work

To our Branch:

We hope you are considering teaming up with a sister member to produce a joint project. Teams can be from two to four members. Please be thinking about which art, music or letters member you would like to get to know better, and "Let the Creative Juices Flow" between two mediums and have some fun! Please read the letter below from FSA. Wishing you a summer of continuous rest and inspiration.

Sheila Firestone
President and Music Chair

Your Florida State Board is hosting a **Virtual Art Exhibition!** An art exhibition in which you could win recognition and a monetary award for your creativity!!

Next year we will offer a Virtual Competition for our Ladies in Letters. It is definitely an exciting time to be a Pen Woman in the State of Florida!

You will find attached the form to fill out and send in to Cookie Davis. If you go online to our website, www.floridapenwomen.com you can pay the entry fee of \$30 via PayPal or by sending a check to our Treasurer, Polly Tetrault, for up to 3 pieces of art.

All the info is on the registration form. THE PDF IS ATTACHED. Those pieces selected by the juror, Gail Beveridge, to compete in the art show will have their paintings, sculptures, etc. displayed on our website from October 1 to October 31, 2024. The deadline is September 2, 2024.

The theme of the art show is: ***Florida, Building Bridges In Art.*** If you have questions, please contact **Cookie Davis**, not me. We look forward to seeing the fantastic artwork you have created!

Janie Owens

NLAPW/FSA President

National 1st Vice President

Author

SPECIAL NOTE: Please note that **Acrylics** were added to the acceptable art forms. Any questions should be directed to Cookie Davis at cookiedavis001@gmail.com All information re this virtual art competition is in the cover letter above and the PDF attached. This is a great opportunity to submit your work. The prize money is quite good and there is no commission on sales either!



NAWA Florida Chapter_Member...



National Association of Women Artists-
Florida Chapter · 1d · 📍

Please join me in celebrating Fran Mann Goodman as our National Association of Women Artists-Florida Chapter Volunteer of the Month!

Fran is one of those people who is warm and welcoming with an ever-present smile and a willingness to help. From offering workshops, participating in our zoom board meetings and working diligently on the redesigning of our scholarship and mentoring program of young women artists, Fran is someone we are proud to know.

You can see more of Frann's work at <https://www.franmangoodman.com/>

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MEMBER NEWS

A Poem by **Lea Hope Becker**

The Cat that Clicked on an iPhone

My friend's voice was clear as it should be
She spoke with her zesty appeal
We talked about business and trivia
When I heard a bit of a squeal

The kind of noise coming from iPhones
When something is not going right
Means you, honey, just lost your listener
It happens – so no need for fright!

Technology has frequent distractions
Or should I say: "AI has moods!"
But seniors like me need simplicity
With smart phones new data intrudes!

When suddenly I heard the good news:
My friend just came back with a ding
Her kitty had clicked on some button
But now I could hear everything!

She figured out just what that cat did
We both laughed about this undoing
"Put Tabitha next to your speaker!
"I want to hear all of her mewling!"

Barbara Bixon, writing under the name A R Alan, will be giving three free beginner writing workshops at the West Boynton Branch Library located at 9451 Jog Road in Boynton Beach. Dates: July 5 at 2, August 9 at 2, and Sept 13 at 2. There will be room for 18. bbcarter2@aol.com

FOG - A poem from **Barbara Bixon**:

Dressed in dense white mist
she blankets
and caresses everything peacefully
beneath her soft touch.

Tantalizing with a soft moist kiss
she seductively lures you
to her lover
death.

Book Club link from Barbara: <https://bookclubs.com/email-newsletter?month=6&year=2024>

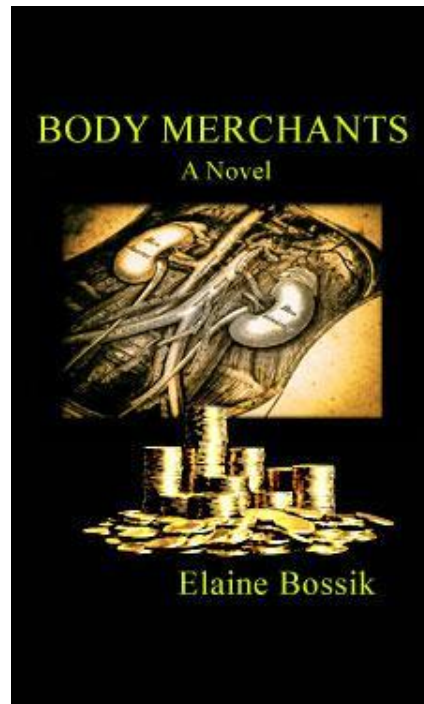
Elaine Bossik's novel, *Body Merchants*, has been named by the Independent Book Publishing Professional Group as one of the best books of 2024. *Body Merchants* is a finalist of the thriller category in the 2024 Next Generation Indie Book Awards, the world's largest book awards program for independent publishers and self-published authors.

The story revolves around reporter Ellie Andrews, who unravels an intricate scheme to murder inmates at a U.S. super-max prison and harvest and sell their organs to the highest bidders. It is a scheme so widespread that it reaches into law enforcement, respected institutions, and her own family. *Body Merchants* is fiction, but it is rooted in fact.

Body Merchants (Amazon.com) <https://rb.gy/rx8tiv>

Body Merchants (BarnesAndNoble.com) <https://rb.gy/b8cff2>

Elainebossik.com



A Poem from **Dr. Joan Cartwright**

NYC Sounds

Sirens, sirens, sirens,
Construction, car horns, music,
The Spring breeze through the 12th-floor window
Is almost tropical.

For Children Everywhere

By **Marlene Klotz**

Fairies can't swim
But they surely can fly
On gossamer wings
Way up in the sky
And for those who
Believe in goodness
And love - just look
At the stars to see
Them above...

Poems by **Linda Susan Fisher**

Cherry Blossoms

Cherry blossoms float
gently to the ground below,
softening our world

The Dance

I smile, he smiles,
we both lean in
I talk, he talks,
the heart does spin
A tap, a touch
a love to win
We look, we laugh
the dance begins

Empty Chair

I sit here alone
at this table set for two
and hunger for you





Fran Steinmark with three of her paintings on display until the end of June at the Hatch Gallery in Lake Worth.

News and a memory from **Vera Ripp Hirschhorn**

Vera Ripp Hirschhorn's book, *I'm Somebody & So Are You! The Human Connection in Education* was brought to the attention of the alumni of her alma mater, Queens College, New York by President, Dr. Frank F. Wu at their annual Alumni Brunch. Additionally, Vera was invited by the Center for Judaic, Holocaust and Peace Studies to speak and present her book at the 22nd Rosen Symposium in July 2024 at Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.

🎵 "Who wears short shorts? I wear short shorts" 🎵
(song sung by the Royal Teens in 1957)

I was sixteen and with friends at a candy store at Union Turnpike, Queens. That day, a cop approached me and quietly handed me a piece of paper that I was asked to deliver to my parents.

Upon returning home, I read the letter to my mom and nearly flipped out.

"He must be kidding?" I shouted in disbelief.

"Who's kidding and what's he kidding about" asked my mom in her broken English.

"How could he give me a summons for wearing short shorts?" How could he demand that I appear in court before a judge?" I asked, angrily.

Suddenly, I, a law-abiding teen, felt like a criminal.

The next day I told my neighbor, Margie who brilliantly advised me to buy a pair of shorts that were shorter than the ones I wore.

My dad took me to the Queens Courthouse and the Judge asked me to tell my version of the story. I showed him the comparison as Margie advised and the contrast seemed to convince him that I was "innocent" and told me to disregard the summons

Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JUNE	26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Say Something Nice Day Dinosaur Day National Trails Day
	2 National Rocky Road Ice Cream Day National Animal Rights Day	3 National Egg Day World Bicycle Day	4 Hug Your Cat Day	5 Hot Air Balloon Day World Environment Day Global Running Day	6 National Gardening Exercise Day National Yo Yo Day	7 National Donut Day National Chocolate Ice Cream Day National VCR Day	8 Best Friend Day World Ocean's Day World Wide Knit in Public Day
	9 Children's Day National Donald Duck Day	10 National Iced Tea Day	11 National Making Life Beautiful Day	12 National Superman Day Red Rose Day	13 World Softball Day	14 Flag Day Family History Day	15 Fly A Kite Day Global Wind Day World Juggling Day
	16 Father's Day Fresh Veggies Day	17 National Eat Your Vegetables Day	18 Go Fishing Day International Picnic Day	19 International Box Day	20 Ice Cream Soda Day First Day of Summer National Seashell Day	21 International Yoga Day National Selfie Day World Music Day National Flip Flop Day	22 World Rainforest Day Great American Campout Day
	23 National Hydration Day	24 Celebration of the Senses Day Fairy Day Swim A Lap Day	25 Day of the Seafarer	26 National Canoe Day	27 National Sunglasses Day National Bingo Day	28 INTERNATIONAL CAPS LOCK DAY National Food Truck Day	29 Hug Holiday National Camera Day
	30 Asteroid Day Meteor Watch Day Log Cabin Day	1	June 2024 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the Daily Holidays link to find related items to support your activities.				

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